



Timber Way to Big Wood River Bridge

Neighborhood Homeowner Association Meeting #2

Tuesday, May 25th, 2010

Results

(Updated June 20, 2010)

6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Greenhorn Fire Station

I. Attendance

- Neighborhood Associations / Public
 - 9 attendees from neighborhoods
- ITD / Design Team
 - Mike Scott, ITD Project Manager
 - Deb Pierson, ITD Right of Way
 - Tracy Olsen, WHPacific, Consultant Team Project Manager
 - Mike Pepper, KMP Planning

II. Comments received at the meeting (comment forms and sticky notes on maps)

- Need acceleration lane north bound at Cold Springs
- Concerned about wildlife collisions / crossings on SH 75
- Want acceleration lane northbound at Gimlet
- Don't need acceleration lane north bound at Cold Springs
- Concerned about animal crossings
- No acceleration lane needed at Cold Springs – 45 mph speed limit
- Consider changes to East Fork / SH 75 traffic signal timing to increase breaks for north bound traffic
- Some traffic is already using Broadway No. to get to the traffic signal at Broadway Run / SH 75 / Hospital Dr. intersection to access SH 75
- Safety concern for traffic merging onto SH 75 south bound from Cold Springs during a.m. peak traffic
- Concern about safe south bound access to SH 75 during peak traffic hours
- We are in favor of the elimination of the acceleration lane at Cold Springs. We appreciate this change, which would greatly mitigate the effects on our property (owners of property on the north east side of the SH 75 / Cold Springs intersection). Thank you for the great communication with us. We feel the 45 mph change will help with safety in acceleration

III. Additional comments received – comment forms submitted after the meeting

- Same comment from 41 different individuals (41 comment forms)
 - Mr. Scott: I was very dismayed to learn that the acceleration lane has been eliminated from the SH 75-Timmerman Way to Big Wood River Bridge plan at the Gimlet Road site. As a matter of public safety, it should be installed. Traffic increases in speed on every section of the highway where there are two lanes going in the same direction. It is already a challenge to enter the highway at certain times of day. The most dangerous is the school hour when families are trying to get children to school on time. Regardless of the start time, there is almost always a several minute wait to find a break in the traffic suitable to enter the highway from a dead stop. Cars are backing up on Gimlet Road waiting for the next break. Also, the line of site (sight) is poor coming out of Gimlet. If a car is decelerating, one cannot see where the

balance of the oncoming traffic is. The curve in the road to the south also makes it difficult to judge the ability to enter safely. I strongly urge you to reconsider and reinstate the acceleration lane to provide Gimlet homeowners and guests the safest possible access to the highway even though federal specs may not warrant it. Thank you for your consideration.

1. Mr. Scott, I cannot stress enough the importance of this (included as one of the individual comments repeated above from 25 individuals). We are a family of 6, with 4 teenage drivers. This is imperative for the future safety of the WRV (Wood River Valley)
 2. The Gimlet subdivision has many residents who are affected, maybe more than East Fork. Please consider this request (this (included as one of the individual comments repeated above from 25 individuals)
 3. Change the speed limit on highway 75 to 45 mph
- The intersection of Gimlet Road and highway 75 has become dangerous as traffic in recent years has increased. Turning left (south) from Gimlet is particularly dangerous as southbound and northbound vehicles are traveling at 55 to 65 mph. It is difficult to find a "slot" to turn south when cars are approaching at those speeds. Please consider a center lane to allow vehicles some safety when turning onto highway 75 southbound
 - I strongly support an acceleration lane turning right out of Gimlet onto highway 75 north
 - Mr. Scott, we really need the acceleration lane from the SH 75 – Timber Way to Big Wood River Bridge plan at the Gimlet road site. It is very difficult to leave Gimlet at several times of the day. I believe it is important for the safety of school children also.
 - The intersection at Gimlet Road / SH 75 is also very difficult to access in winter when roads are ice covered and slick. Stopping at the intersection and getting started can take time to get up to traffic speed. Some drivers don't stop at the stop sign completely now so that they can have some speed to enter the travel lane. An acceleration lane would greatly improve the safety of the situation as it would allow time to get up to speed before merging into traffic.
 - I can't be there for a visit, but I think we should either have a stop light or an extra lane (at the Gimlet Road / SH 75 intersection - a stoplight seems safer.
 - For safety of those entering and leaving Gimlet off Highway 75, please reconsider and plan for a turn lane or acceleration lane heading north.
 - Also, lowering the speed limit to 45 mph once the additional lanes are added, will not help workers heading north in the morning. If 55 mph is a safe speed with 2 lanes of traffic, how can it not be with 4 lanes of traffic. This decision makes no sense. Please keep the 55 mph speed limit!!